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By ECF
Hon. J. Paul Oetken
United States District Judge
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Re: <u>United States v. Felix Rodriguez</u> 21 Cr. 361 (JPO)

Dear Judge Oetken,

I represent Felix Rodriguez in the above-referenced matter. A pretrial conference in this matter is scheduled for tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Rodriguez has not been feeling well and is currently under the care of several different physicians. Defense counsel will be present in court in-person. However, the defense respectfully requests that Mr. Rodriguez himself be permitted to appear at the conference telephonically.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ <u>Matthew J. Kluger</u> Matthew J. Kluger, Esq.

cc: AUSA's Rebecca Dell and Jun Xiang

Granted. Defendant is directed to dial into the proceeding using the following number: (888) 557-8511; access code 9300838.

So ordered: 9/8/2021

J. PAUL OETKEN
United States District Judge